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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## In re Applicants:

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For: COMMUNICATION NETWORK  
 HAVING A PLURALITY OF  
 BRIDGING NODES WHICH  
 TRANSMIT A BEACON TO  
 TERMINAL NODES IN POWER  
 SAVING THAT IT HAS  
 MESSAGES AWAITING  
 DELIVERY

Docket No.: DN37882YE



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to consideration of the application, please amend the claims as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add claims 47-58 as follows:

1 *20-47.* (New) A communication network supporting wireless communication of messages,  
 2 said communication network comprising:  
 3       a first node having a wireless transceiver;  
 4       a second node having a wireless transceiver;  
 5       said first node wirelessly transmitting at periodic intervals to accommodate delivery  
 6       of messages from said first node to said second node; and

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